

## 20220619 GROWING UP IN OUR SALVATION

### 1 Peter 2:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation

#### Truth #1

**“My spiritual growth is God’s plan, God’s design, and God’s will for me.”**

#### WHAT IS SPIRITUAL MATURITY?

Ephesians 4:13

<sup>13</sup> (The body of Christ may be built up) until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and **become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.**

Spiritual maturity: **Being like Christ**

Romans 8:29

<sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew (**Christians**) he also **predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son** (Jesus Christ)...

Genesis 1:26

<sup>26</sup> ...God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness”...

2 Corinthians 3:18

<sup>18</sup> And **we**, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, **are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory**, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:49

<sup>49</sup> And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so **shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.**

1 John 3:2

<sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that **when he appears, we shall be like him**, for we shall see him as he is.

#### WHAT IS OUR SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION?

Spiritual transformation is to be more like Jesus Christ, and **to be more like Jesus Christ means to become a person who thinks like Jesus, who feels like Jesus, and who acts like Jesus.**

**To be more like Jesus Christ, today’s text teaches us to take two steps:**

1. Get rid of bad attitudes (v1)
2. Crave pure spiritual milk (the Word of God) to grow up in our salvation (v2)

#### THREE BASIC UNDERSTANDINGS THAT WE CHRISTIANS NEED TO PROPERLY HAVE ABOUT OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**1. Understanding for our spiritual growth number One:**

**IT IS A PROCESS.**

1 Peter 1:3-5

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy **he has given us new birth** into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
<sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you,  
<sup>5</sup> **who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation** that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

2 Peter 3:18

<sup>18</sup> **Continue to grow** in the grace and knowledge of our savior Jesus Christ.

## Truth #2

**The purpose of my life on earth right now is to prepare for my life in eternity.**

### 2. Understanding for our spiritual growth number two:

#### IT TAKES DISCIPLINE.

1 Peter 1:6-7

<sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, **though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.**

<sup>7</sup> **These have come so that your faith**—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—**may be proved genuine and may result in praise**, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Timothy 4:7

<sup>7</sup> ...Train yourself to be godly.

### 3. Understanding for our spiritual growth number three:

#### IT'S NOT AUTOMATIC.

1 Peter 1:13-15

<sup>13</sup> ...**Prepare your minds for action (make a commitment)**; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.

<sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.

<sup>15</sup> But just as he who called you is holy, so **be holy in all you do**;

Hebrews 5:12-13

<sup>12</sup> In fact, though by this time **you ought to be teachers**, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

<sup>13</sup> Anyone who lives on milk, **being still an infant**, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.

**One.** Membership Commitment

**Two.** Spiritual Growth Commitment

**Three.** Ministry Commitment.

**Four.** Evangelism and Mission Commitment